

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)		
)		
Takahiro OHTA <u>et al.</u>)	Examiner	Gregory John BINDA
)		
Application Number: 10/735,715)	Group Art Unit	3679
)		
Filed: December 16, 2003)	Confirmation No.	3455
)		
For: POWER TRANSMISSION)		

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND AND
RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Request for One-Month Extension of Time to Respond:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action, mailed November 8, 2005, in the above-captioned patent application. As a result of this request, the deadline to respond shall be extended up to and including **January 9, 2006**. January 8, 2006, is a Sunday. Applicants request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) charge the amount of \$120.00 for the requisite, large entity fee (Fee Code 1251) for a one-month extension of time to respond. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those determined by the PTO, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

Response to Election of Species Requirement:

In an Office Action mailed November 8, 2005, the Examiner identified the following allegedly patentably distinct species and requested that Applicants elect one of these species for prosecution in the above-captioned patent application.

Species:

Species I (Figs. 1 and 2)

Species II (Figs. 1 and 3)

Species III (Figs. 5 and 6)

Species IV (Figs. 5 and 7)

Species V (Figs. 5 and 8)

Species VI (Figs. 5 and 9)

Species VII (Figs. 5 and 10)

Associated Claims:

Claims 1-4 7-9, 10-13, 16-18

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12, 17, 18

Claims 19-21, 24-28, 31-35, 38-42, 45, and 46

Claims 19, 20, 24-27, 31-34, 38-41, 45, and 46

Claims 19-22, 24-29, 31-36, 38-43, 45, and 46

Claims 19, 20, 22, 24-28, 31-35, 38-42, 45, and 46

Claims 19-46

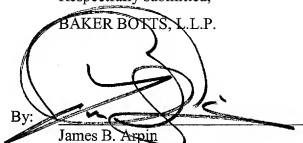
Claims 1-46 are pending in this application. The Examiner indicates that no claims are generic. Nevertheless, Applicants maintain that: (1) claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, 12, 17, and 18 are generic to Species I and II; (2) claims 19, 20, 24-27, 31-34, 38-41, 45, and 46 are generic to Species III-VII; (3) claim 21 is generic to Species III, V, and VII; (4) claims 28, 35, and 42 are generic to Species III and V-VII; and (5) claims 22, 29, 36, and 43 are generic to Species V and VII. **In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Species III, the species of Figs. 5 and 6 (Claims 19-21, 24-28, 31-35, 38-42, 45, and 46), without traverse, for prosecution on the merits and requests further consideration of this application in view of this election.**

Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. Because Applicants maintain that claims generic to Species III-VII are allowable, Applicants maintain that claims 19-46 now are allowable, and Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims. If the Examiner believes that an interview with Applicants' representatives, either in person or by telephone, would expedite

prosecution of this application, we would welcome such an opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
BAKER BOTTS, L.L.P.

By: 

James B. Aspin
Registration No. 33,470

Date: December 16, 2005

BAKER BOTTS, L.L.P.
The Warner, Suite 1300
1299 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004-2400
Tel.: (202) 639-7700
Fax: (202) 639-7890

JBA/djw